

Safety Resources

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Laboratory Safety

Before stepping into a laboratory, a student or worker must be aware of all the possible hazards in their laboratory. There may be multiple categories of hazard present (physical, chemical, biohazardous, radiation) and all students / workers should be trained to work safely around these hazards.

IN CASE OF A CHEMICAL SPILL:

- Contact Waste Management Facility (306) 966-8497 -- Weekdays (8 AM 4:30 PM)
- Contact Protective Services (306) 966-5555 -- Evenings / Weekends (24-Hour Dispatch)
- File an incident report after the spill has been dealt with.

Training

The following training is required for any person entering the laboratory.

- Laboratory Safety Training Laboratory Safety Manual
- Site specific training
 - Local Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
 - Emergency Response Plan (ERP)
 - Orientation (Workplace hazards, equipment, safety equipment, First aid kit, proper waste disposal, etc.)
 - Generic workplace orientation checklist template

For assistance in developing a local training program, contact our Safety Management System team.

Requirements

Postings/signs/information - Outside the laboratory

- Contact names and numbers for the laboratory
 Approved signage to indicate the presence of hazardous activities in the laboratory:
 - Biohazard materials
 - Radioactive materials
 - Elevated noise levels
 - Personal protective equipment requirements Warning signage for specific hazards

Postings/signs/information - Inside the laboratory

- Licences/permits/certifications issued by regulatory agencies
- University issued biosafety permits
- University issued nuclear substance permits
- Safety Data Sheets
- Emergency response posters
 Warning signs on equipment (e.g. flammable materials, lasers, microwaves, high voltage, pinch/crush hazards, etc.)

Safety equipment

The following equipment must be available and maintained:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Building fire safety systems (e.g. fire alarms, smoke alarms, sprinklers, exit signage)
- Fire extinguisher(s)
- Emergency eyewash and/or shower
- First aid kit
- Spill kit

Required Documentation

The maintenance of proper documentation shows due diligence.

- New student / employee orientation
 Student / employee training records (laboratory safety training certificate issued via email upon completion of training)
 Standard operating procedures
- Training log(s)
- Working alone or after hours plan Experiment / Research Workstation Sign
 Exit form

Posters / Resources / Information

- Chemical and Biological Safety Information
 Equipment or Area Release Form
 Eyewash Station Testing Log
 Fridge / Freezer Approval Request Form
 Guide for General Laboratory Spill Kit Contents
 Laboratory Design Guide
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- Caloratory Design Guide
 Safety Shower Testing Procedure
 Facilities Decommissioning Standard
 Facility Decommissioning Certificate
 Proper Pipetting Guide and Calibration



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